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65 Volunteer To Work for Bond Passage

Stage Committee Readies Decorations

"We are very satisfied with the progress thus far," commented Will Hatch, director of the Green and Gold Revue, student-faculty talent show scheduled for June 6. The staging committee has submitted its first plans for the stage decorations and already nine applications for auditions have been received, he said. These include

a comic song duet, an eight-person comedy stunt, an Afro-Cuban dance quartet, a singing group and a piano boogie number. The deadline for applications to be submitted for auditions for the old-time vaudeville production has been definitely set at May 9, according to Hatch. The dates previously set for auditions and rehearsals have now been confirmed.

Auditions Set

All applications must be submitted to Dean Nena S. Royer by noon May 9. Applications may be obtained by seeing her. Auditions for the program will begin May 19, lasting through 23, with rehearsals set for May 26 through 30. Final run-through for the show will be on June 2, 4 and 5, with a special date, June 3, set aside for rehearsals for acts requiring special work.

A committee under the chairmanship of Gay Cook, Executive Council secretary, has contacted all on and off-campus organizations and clubs in search for talent, said Hatch.

An action by the Executive Council permits people not attending Valley to be in the show if one member of their group is presently on campus.

After the variety program, which is to be held in the Men's Gym, a dance will be held. The cost of both the vaudeville show and the dance is 50 cents. Tickets will go on sale May 1.

"The combination is a tremendous draw," said Hatch. Both a dance and the talent show hold interest for most people, he said. According to the director, plans for the dance include music by the band of Robert P. MacDonald, music instructor.

Queen To Announce

The Fiesta Queen and her Princesses will announce the various acts during the Revue, the proceeds of which will enter the Green and Gold Fund, a student loan fund set aside to aid Valley students encountering financial difficulties.

Each year, one week of the spring semester is dedicated to earn money for this fund and, said Hatch, the drive is usually quite successful.

Participants for the program will be picked by members of the auditions committee which consists of Ed Roski, chairman; Barbara Tische, Marilyn Bronson and Carl Bedwell.

Those chosen to participate will be notified after the completion of the auditions and acts may be either independent or sponsored. However, off-campus organizations will not be recognized, said Hatch.

Indians To Be Subject Of Meeting

Life of the 20th century American Indian on reservations and in urban life is the topic to be discussed at a conference on Indian problems May 17. The conference will be in the Women's Gym from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Anthropology Club, the program is open to representative of all civic, community, social welfare groups, college students and others who are interested in the Indian problem, according to Noel Korn, club sponsor.

Includes Keynote

The tentative program for the day includes the keynote speech, "The American Indian in the Twentieth Century," by Paul Azell of San Diego State College.

Plans are being made for three panel discussions to be held during the meeting, Korn said. Dr. Arnold Fletcher, Valley history instructor, will be moderator on the first panel, entitled "The Indian and the Reservation System."

Speaking on the second panel, "The Individual Indian and His Adjustment to American Urban Life," are an employment director from the Los Angeles Bureau of Indian Affairs, the director of the City Indian Center and Edward Kunzler, English and sociology instructor.

Luncheon Served

The afternoon discussion will be "Termination of the Reservations and its Implications for the Nation." Juan Pascoe from the American Friends Service Committee will conclude the conference with a summary statement.

Coffee and buffet luncheon will be served in the quad by the Patricians, International Club and History Club, who are assisting the Anthropology Club with the project.

A student committee composed of Esther Friedman, Selma Feldman, Solveig Leslie, Maria Gentry, Martha Johnson, Charlotte Glasser and Claudia Stevens is in charge of preparing the program.



Writer Says:

Cyrano Holds Charm in Play

by FRANK HALL

Star Staff Writer

Cyrano de Bergerac, legendary hero of the 17th century, returns to life in the Crown Players' presentation of Edmond Rostand's play of the same name. Cyrano known for sarcastic wit, invincible sword-play, poetic love letters and extended nose retains all

of his charm and character in the production.

With his sarcastic wit, Cyrano drives Montfleury, an actor, from the stage on which he is performing. With his invincible sword-play he kills one hundred men and completely reverses an ambush meant for one of his friends.

Feeling that his nose makes him repulsive to all women, Cyrano uses his ability to compose poetic love letters to win Roxanne, the woman he loves, for Christian, a Cadet in his own company.

Bob Bruggeman portrays Cyrano and Tina Isgrow, Roxanne. The play is the product of the theater arts department from the painting of scenery to the direction which was done by Jay Reeves. The cast has 26 members including Tom Rogers as Le Bret, Tom Solari as Rageneau, Gary Vance as Christian and Lewis Weinstock as Comte de Guiche.

Cyrano is a biographical drama of the real life of Cyrano de Bergerac and is substantiated by historical facts.



CYRANO—With four of its seven scheduled showings still in the future, "Cyrano de Bergerac" continues its run in the Valley College Little Theater at 8 p.m. tonight. The last presentations of the second major production of the year will be tonight, tomorrow night, Saturday night and a Saturday matinee.

—Valley Star Photos by Ed Weiss

Pizza Dinner Prize Offered For Best Dance Costume

A free pizza dinner for two at Micali's Restaurant will be one of the prizes given in the costume contest of the annual Fiesta Dance, Saturday, May 10, according to Ed Roski, student body vice president and chairman of the Inter-Organization Council.

Based on a Mardi Gras theme, dress for the dance will be costume. Prizes will be given for the most original costume, the most beautiful costume, the ugliest costume and the funniest costume.

Matty Matlock and his band will provide the music for the dance,

which will kick off the week of Fiesta activities. It will be held in the Men's Gym at 9 p.m.

A short ceremony will be held at 10:30 p.m. to crown the Fiesta Queen and King and to choose the Whiskerino winner, said Roski.

The Whiskerino contest winner will be chosen by a vote of the people attending the dance. Voting is supposed to be based on the quality of the contestants' beards, according to Roski.

Asked why a Mardi Gras theme was picked for the dance, Roski said, "We thought it would offer a wide range from which to select costumes and decorations."

Monarch Bulletins

SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULED

Will Hatch, Dick Reynen and Chuck Rossi had submitted their names as candidates for the vacant office of commissioner of activities as of Tuesday, according to Mrs. Nena Royer, dean of student activities. The three, plus any other applicants, will be placed on a ballot for the May 1 special election to fill the spot left empty by the resignation of Terry Shebanek.

NAVY ON CAMPUS

Naval Aviation Cadets are scheduled to be on campus Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to counsel students in relation to the students' military future.

Plan Fund Raising, Speech Campaign

A group of 65 students offered their services to Valley College this week when they volunteered to be on a committee that will work for the passage of the bonds in the coming June 3 elections. The committee will meet today at 10 a.m. in Room 41 to map out campaign plans.

Activities of the committee will include fund raising plans, speaking, publicity and mainly to show to the community the importance of passing the bond issue.

A total of \$158 million is included in the bonds, with 60 per cent of this sum going to go to the building of educational facilities in the San Fernando Valley. These facilities will include grammar schools, high schools and junior colleges.

Of the amount, Valley College will receive \$3,600,000 for the second phase of construction of the new campus. The three and a half million dollars for the first phase was voted out in a bond issue in 1955. Total cost of the new campus has been estimated at approximately \$12 million.

"I'm impressed by the unselfish attitude exhibited by the throng of enthusiastic students who have volunteered their services forwarding the passage of the bond issue," said Ed Roski, student body vice president, when informed of the number of students who had volunteered their services to the committee.

"Even though the passing of the bonds will not directly affect these students, it is tremendous that they will give their time and energy for the good of the campus," he said.

In its campaign, the committee will be bucking the necessary two-thirds majority that is needed to pass the bonds.

The second phase includes the construction of a psychology building, life science building, cafeteria, little theater and drama classrooms, music building, men's physical education and health building and maintenance building.

Buildings included in the first phase are the library, administration and classroom building, foreign language and social science building, mathematics and English building, chemistry and earth science building, physics and home economics building and a boiler house.

Also included in the first phase is the athletic field, which is presently being worked on.

Salmon Cans Are Unique On Campuses

by TOM GREENE
Star Staff Writer

Fortunately, salmon cans are migrating to Valley's cafeterias. They don't bless other campuses with their presence. Many students do not realize the great advantages this type of container has.

A large number of colleges and universities clutter their cafeterias with annoying flowers that reek with the vile odor of spring. Still others have bright, colorful decorations on their tables that often distract one from his eating.

Through salmon cans, Valley has solved these irritating table discomforts. These cans have been carefully tarnished by time to keep the sun from reflecting in students' eyes.

Aside from looking beautiful and dignified, there are many cultural advantages to this particular type of container. Once enough bits of trash and ashes have been deposited inside the can, fascinating and unique smoke patterns appear.

This becomes a very interesting study. If students are so inclined, they may even practice the ancient art of communication via smoke signals.

The greatest advantage of these cans, however, is the way they manage to retain the sweet aroma of tobacco and burnt garbage. A combination that is hard to come by these days. This smell induces and stimulates appetites to no end.

Those students who have eye trouble never have to worry about getting their ashes on the table. The circumference of the can is a good two and a half inches.

Nervous people can rid their pent-up emotions and complicated frustrations on the salmon cans. The material the cans are made from is very pliable. One can bend and twist them into any shape his heart desires.

Valley's Executive Council has no limits to the extremes it will go to provide the very best for its student body.

'Peacemakers' Next One-Act

Eva Hyde and Gaynor McLaren will lead a cast of six through three performances of "Peacemakers," the second one-act play of the season, next Thursday in the Little Theater.

The play, described by Director Sonny Shurtz as a farcical comedy, is scheduled for runs at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.

Miss Hyde and McLaren are cast in the roles of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, parents of Edith and Fay, Leona Gergue and Freya Robinson. Bob Shubb and Harry Wright, Allen and John, play the part of bridegrooms.

Ed Guardino has been named assistant director of the play, which deals with some of the problems of young married life. Production manager is Dick Young.

IOC Points Gain Approval

After the Inter-Organization Council meeting Tuesday, where four parts of the point system were discussed and passed, campus clubs will be vying for all the points possible to win the IOC trophy.

The trophy will be presented at the end of the term to the club with the most points. At the next IOC meeting six other parts of the system will be discussed and voted on.

The four parts passed were specified by council members to include only members of clubs who have paid dues.

Points passed by the council include giving:

1. Five points for each 10 people attending club field trips.
 2. Five points for each 15 people attending organized club parties.
 3. Five points for each person helping to decorate for dances, with the minimum working time an hour.
 4. Five points for each 10 people attending school sponsored functions.
- Discussion at the meeting Tuesday will include giving points for IOC meeting participation, giving points for clubs sponsoring king, queen and student body election candidates, and giving points to clubs sponsoring acts in the Green and Gold Revue Talent Show.

Post Poses Problem

The campus has long been in need of a mailbox. It certainly is not unreasonable to expect the Post Office Department to place one within reach of the 7600 students attending Valley.

The only way to mail a letter or package on campus at the present time is to leave it in the Administration Office. Such correspondence is virtually unguarded until picked up by a Post Office official.

Thanks to efforts of Director Walter T. Coultas, Valley College was promised by the Van Nuys Post Office that a mailbox would be installed. This was three months ago, but apparently no action has yet been taken. The Star was told this week that the mailbox is still on order.

In fact, mailboxes for this area have been on order for about eight months, according to the postmaster.

Any organization the size of the Post Office Department is bound to be plagued with red tape. Yet the Star knows of a case where this red tape was eliminated when a citizen decided to inform his Congressman that he was walking six blocks to post his letters. Two weeks later a mailbox was installed at his corner.

Perhaps one of Valley's 7600 students is interested enough to drop a few lines to his Congressman. Here is an opportunity to see how effectively the individual's voice guides the action of his representatives. —C.E.

Aid Education

"Now is the time for all good students to come to the aid of their campus."

Some 65 students took the above statement to heart when they volunteered to be members of a student committee that will aid in the passing of the June 3 bond issue.

Aims of the committee will be to urge the passing of the bonds, from which money will be allotted for the second phase of the Valley College campus construction plans.

It is a tremendous project the committee will undertake. The bonds need a two-thirds majority to pass.

Today at 10 a.m. in Room 41 the 65 students will meet for the first time to map out plans.

These students are giving up time and energy to further the cause of the campus. In years to come, if the bonds are passed, they will be able to see the fruits of their labors in the \$10 million campus planned for the dusty land now called Los Angeles Valley Junior College. —L.C.

One 'Point' of View

All for one and one for all.

This is a good phrase, and it is evident that a certain group on campus is all for one club and one club for all.

It was obvious at the Inter-Organization Council meeting Tuesday that a bit of "railroading" was in process when the council was discussing the point system that the clubs have set up to determine who will win the IOC trophy.

Power to draw up the system was given to Parliamentarian Mike Collins.

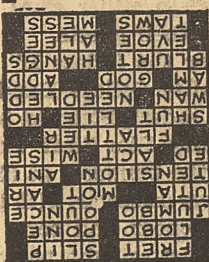
IOC is an organization in which most of the active students on campus are represented. We feel that they all should have a chance to organize the point system—not just one person or group. —L.C.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

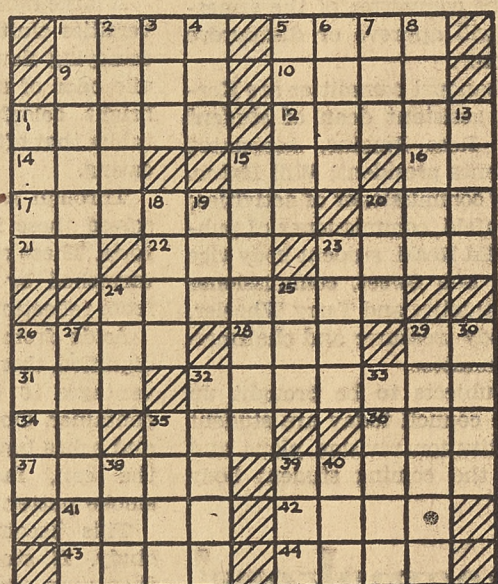
1. Across
2. Chafed
3. Slide
4. Timber wolf
5. Corn bread
6. Barnum's elephant
7. Unit of weight
8. Cane of lizard
9. Witty saying
10. Argent (abbr.)
11. Mental strain
12. Cuckoo
13. Man's nickname
14. Perform
15. Sagacious
16. Blandish
17. Close
18. Recline
19. Exclamation
20. Pale
21. Annoyed
22. Exist
23. The deity
24. Sum up
25. Utter suddenly
26. Suspends
27. Cry of bacchanals
28. Toward the sheltered side
29. Marbles
30. Betch DOWN
31. Crooked
32. Caesar, for instance

3. Subside
4. Also
5. Table utensil
6. Bumpkin
7. Wayside hotel
8. Nuts
9. Burlap material
10. American Indian
11. Dappled
12. Seasoning
13. River (S. A.)
14. Ventilate

22. Obnoxious plant
24. Merriment
25. Bind
26. Mop
27. Shakespearian tragedy
29. Thicket
30. Chances
32. Memos
33. Narrow roadways



35. Flourish
38. A grape
39. A meat
40. Malt beverage



"I guess she's safe"

Survey Discloses Faculty, Students Regard Language Study as Essential

by MARIE GRAHAM
Star Staff Writer

Has the American school system been standing before a mirror flexing flabby mental muscles?

In this age of emphasis on technological achievements, has the urgency of our efforts to develop more scientists and engineers for the immediate future made us overlook the importance of other fields of knowledge?

As late as 1940, the American Council of Education took the view that the study of "difficult" subjects, such as English and mathematics, was driving our youth from the high schools. With the nation's attention being focused on teaching methods and curricula, America is evaluating the results of that philosophy.

This week, an on-campus canvass was made at Valley College to determine the consensus of students and faculty on the importance of studying foreign languages. Of those interviewed, all agreed that knowledge of a neighbor's language is essential to understanding his problems and would make a definite contribution toward a lasting peace. They didn't agree, however, on when these studies should begin.

Al Stern, social science major, said, "We are lagging behind other countries in the study of languages. With the world getting smaller and smaller, we should start our program in grade schools."

"America is very poor in languages," is the opinion of Bahram Manavi, Persian-born engineering major. "In Persia, Arabic is taught in grade school. In high school a student is required to study two foreign languages in addition to his own," he said.

Donald R. Primson, political science instructor, said, "We are breaking the sound barrier, but I believe the language barrier is every bit as important." Primson believes that the studies should be compulsory at a junior high level.

"I personally would require every student seeking an A.B. degree to spend one year abroad before being given the degree," Primson said.

Tom Hussey, police science major, believes the junior high school starting point is too late. "The study shouldn't be compulsory," Hussey said, "but it should be available in the elementary schools, perhaps for the eight or nine-year-olds." He felt

Russian might be the most useful language at present.

Wayne Rust, business administration major, agrees that foreign languages should be taught in grammar school, but thinks it should be compulsory at that level. "It's easier to learn then," he said.

"If you ever have been overseas and heard little children speaking several languages, you were ashamed of your lack of education," Monte Ikner, business administration major, said.

Harry E. Beck, economics instructor, favors the "middle ground" policy. He doesn't believe the study of foreign languages should be compulsory, but he does consider such studies important.

"I see no reason that a student should be required to take foreign languages if he intends to quit school when he receives his A.A., but if he intends to go on to a university, then foreign languages should be required," Beck said.

"No one actually learns a foreign language unless it's the only course he's taking," is the stand taken by Jerry Fecht, history major.

"College students do not have time to study foreign languages." In order

Lion's Roar

Perceives Puzzling Poster

Editor:
I thought that I was up on what was happening in the way of activities on the campus, but just the other day I saw a lot of signs and posters advertising something on May 17. Since I don't want to miss any of the social activities, would you please advise me as to what is coming May 17th so that I might get my ticket and a date?

STUDENT INTERESTED
IN HAVING FUN

Averse to Verse

Editor:
Wasn't it bad enough when we had to read your so-called factual news stories? Now you're inflicting morose poems on Valley Students. You don't know your iambic from your elbow.

A POETRY LOVER

Editor's note:
Sorry you don't like our verse. We're looking for a mentor. So when we open our mouth, Our iambic foot won't enter.

By Bill Johnson



Valley Forge

By Lorelei Calcagno

Ingenuity Needed

A total of \$350 for food and entertainment has been allotted in the Associated Men's budget for the Spring '58 semester.

Of this amount, \$200 will be used for Men's Night, May 27. The event is put on for men, by men. Sports films will be shown and other entertainment will be featured, along with refreshments.

In the past, the comments have been that the Men's Nights have been mediocre or Okay. Some students have even expressed the opinion that it probably wouldn't hurt anything if the Men's Nights were discontinued.

Running up against this opposition and determined to prove the comments unjustified is Ross Figgins, Associated Men's president. He has expressed, through the semester, that a successful Men's Night can be staged.

Thinking of the two or three hundred men that usually participate in the event, it seems to me that the money from Men's Night and money budgeted for the Associated Women Students could be put toward an event similar to the picnic idea recently discarded by the council.

A sports night theme combined with the picnic idea might work into a very interesting event if members of future councils wish to stage an activity that would meet campus requirements, yet be different and fun.

In a poll I recently took of Monarch students, I asked the reason for the disinterest shown for some campus activities. The answer I received was usually "Because I didn't know about it."

This statement seems ridiculous when one stops to look at all the posters around campus made by Commissioner of Publicity Patty Nelson and her committee.

The posters are of good quality with good ideas and workmanship. Failure of the posters to acquaint students with activities seems to be due to the lack of structures on which to display the posters.

It's getting monotonous semester after semester to see a commissioner of publicity work himself to death and not have his work appreciated.

Yes, Valley lacks facilities from which to hang posters or other publicity gimmicks, but still the students have ingenuity which can be put to good use on the publicity problem.

Chuck Rossie, past AMS president, came up with an idea that could be worked into an interesting publicity campaign.

He suggested that a Burma-Shave type display be used to publicize events.

When I think back on many cross country trips, I remember what pleasure it was to come across a Burma-Shave advertisement after miles of desert with nothing to look at but the weeds.

Maybe this gimmick is just what the doctor ordered for students as they walk from class to class. With a little thought the signs could put a little pleasure into the lives of many a student and also serve a purpose.

A large bouquet of red roses should be delivered to Miss Lorraine Eckardt, music instructor, for her increased programming of campus concerts.

In addition to enlarging this semester's schedule from four to nine concerts, Miss Eckardt has participated in duo-piano concerts and plans to play in next year's Athenaeum program.

The Diatribe

by Charlie Eichhorn

Dope Dealers' Dirge

The Los Angeles Police Department continued its roundup of dope peddlers and users by arresting 244 persons last weekend, following the return of 117 secret indictments against known "pushers."

For nearly three months now, the police have been engaged in a large-scale attack against narcotics violators. Most of the officers involved are new on the force. These men, and the entire Police Department, are to be complimented for their efforts in reducing drug peddling.

Too bad their time and energy will fall far short of effectively smashing the local dope sellers.

There is neither need nor space in this column for describing the results of the odious trade practiced by "pushers." Some maintain the death penalty is too good for these vermin. I do not... It is good enough.

One state has all but eliminated dope traffic by passage of a law requiring a mandatory 20-year sentence for first offenders convicted of selling narcotics. California should follow suit.

Such a measure obviously would discourage "peddling" despite its lucrative returns. In fact, it would practically purge us of this pestilence.

It seems as though California is wasting a great deal of money by accompanying traffic signals with stop signs. Frankly, I don't see any worthwhile reasoning behind it.

Perhaps it would make sense if the signals were turned off at times. If such a practice exists, I'd like to know where. Certainly not in many, if any, of the thousands of intersections in Los Angeles.

Many signals begin to blink at a certain time of night but this still doesn't require that they be supplemented with stop signs.

In addition to the waste of money, this system confuses California's many visitors and newcomers. It's a puzzling situation the first time someone approaches a crossing that bears a stop sign along with a green light.

I suppose the signs are intended to be followed when the signals fail to operate. It should be equally effective simply to require by law that motorists stop at such times.

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